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1. About 7:15 a.m. on 18, 19, and 20 September 1950 three VP units totaling about 150 men left the Garde Ulanen Kaserne, Potsdam (P 53/Z 63), and marched to Bornstedter Feld. The first unit was armed with submachine guns and with weapons about 2 meters long which resembled AT rifles. The two other units were unarmed and carried signal equipment and entrenching tools, respectively. (1)
2. On 22 September 1950 it was learned that the former Kriegsschule, Potsdam-Bornstedt, was occupied by a VP unit, which was allegedly soon to be transferred. (2)
3. On 25 September 1950 police sedan [] occupied by two policemen, was observed in front of the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam. The car waited for a civilian who emerged from the barracks installation. According to a German pedestrian, the civilian was a Soviet lieutenant colonel who was the superior officer of the VP unit in the Garde Ulanen Kaserne. (3)
4. On 29 September 1950 it was learned that a VP Bereitschaft or VP school, 600 to 700 men strong, was located in the Musaren Kaserne on Stalinallee, Potsdam. The unit was organized into three Kommandos and was subordinate to the VP Main Administration for Training. Polizeirat Schmundt (fnu), was the commanding officer of the unit. (1)
5. The Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Potsdam-Eiche, was occupied by VP personnel and Soviet troops. It was said that the VP personnel belonged to a VP Bereitschaft, commanded by VP Oberrat Sonnenberg (fnu), and to a VP school. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The Garde Ulanen Kaserne on Stalinallee, Potsdam, is occupied by the 1st VP Bereitschaft (Arty). VP Oberrat Ritter (fnu) has been carried as the commanding officer of the unit. See []
- (2) According to other sources, the Kriegsschule on Bornstedter Feld was occupied by Soviet GHQ units of the GOFG and housed officer training courses prior to the beginning of September 1950. It is doubted that VP personnel should be quartered there.

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- (3) The observation that a Soviet lieutenant colonel was picked up at the Delius Kaserne is of some value inasmuch as it indicates that the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig, which is stationed in the installation, furnishes the liaison officer for the 1st VP Bereitschaft (Arty) in the Garde Ulanen Kaserne.
- (4) The 6th VP Bereitschaft (Arty), commanded by VP Cherrat Sonnenburg (fnu), was identified by another source in the Luftwaffen Kaserne, Potsdam-Eiche. A VP school has not been observed there. It may have been the sports school of the Hauptverwaltung fuer Ausbildung (Main Administration for Training) (HVA).

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